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TITLE: "COOLING DEVICE AND COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY APPARATUS EMPLOYING SAME" ✓

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

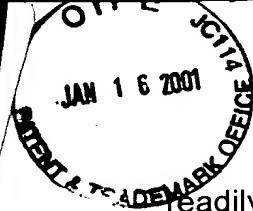
- AA United States Patent No. 5,761,269
- AB United States Patent No. 5,610,968
- AC United States Patent No. 5,012,505
- AD United States Patent No. 4,593,261
- AE United States Patent No. 4,115,697
- AL German OS 197 04 338

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AB, AC, the German counterpart to reference AD, the German counterpart to reference AE, and reference AL were cited by the German Patent Office during examination of the German Application corresponding to the present United States Application. For the English language references, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of reference AL is not



readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto which constitutes a summary of its teachings.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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